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WHEN A BUILDING PERMIT IS REQUIRED

§108.1- APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT SHALL BE MADE TO THE BUILDING OFFICIAL AND A PERMIT SHALL BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES, EXCEPT THAT APPLICATIONS FOR EMERGENCY CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATIONS OR EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT SHALL BE SUBMITTED BY THE END OF THE FIRST WORKING DAY THAT FOLLOWS THE DAY SUCH WORK COMMENCES. IN ADDITION, THE BUILDING OFFICIAL MAY AUTHORIZE WORK TO COMMENCE PENDING THE RECEIPT OF AN APPLICATION OR THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT.

~CONSTRUCTION OR DEMOLITION OF A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE, INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OR ALTERING OF ANY EQUIPMENT REGULATED BY THE USBC. FOR CHANGE OF OCCUPANCY, APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT SHALL BE MADE WHEN A NEW CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY IS REQUIRED UNDER §103.3.

EXEMPTIONS FROM PERMIT

§108.2- NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENTS OF §108.1, APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT AND ANY RELATED INSPECTIONS SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING; HOWEVER, THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO EXEMPT SUCH ACTIVITIES FROM OTHER APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CODE. IN ADDITION, WHEN AN OWNER OR AN OWNERS AGENT REQUESTS THAT A PERMIT BE ISSUED FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING, THEN A PERMIT SHALL BE ISSUED AND ANY RELATED INSPECTIONS SHALL BE REQUIRED.

- 1.) INSTALLATION OF WIRING AND EQUIPMENT THAT (i) OPERATES AT LESS THAN 50 VOLTS, (ii) IS FOR NETWORK POWERED BROADBAND COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS, OR (iii) IS EXEMPT UNDER §102.3(1), EXCEPT WHEN ANY SUCH INSTALLATIONS ARE LOCATED IN A PLENUM, PENETRATE FIRE RATED OR SMOKE PROTECTED CONSTRUCTION OR A COMPONENT OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
 - 1.1. FIRE ALARM SYSTEM
 - 1.2. FIRE DETECTION SYSTEM

- 1.3. FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM
 - 1.4. SMOKE CONTROL SYSTEM
 - 1.5. FIRE PROTECTION SUPERVISORY SYSTEM
 - 1.6. ELEVATOR FIRE SAFETY CONTROL SYSTEM
 - 1.7. ACCESS OR EGRESS CONTROL SYSTEM OR DELAYED EGRESS LOCKING OR LATCHING SYSTEM
 - 1.8. FIRE DAMPER
 - 1.9. DOOR CONTROL SYSTEM
- 2.) DETACHED ACCESSORY STRUCTURES USED AS TOOL AND STORAGE SHEDS, PLAYHOUSES OR SIMILAR USES, PROVIDED THE FLOOR AREA DOES NOT EXCEED 150 SQUARE FEET (14 M²) AND THE STRUCTURES ARE NOT ACCESSORY TO A GROUP F OR H OCCUPANCY.
- 3.) DETACHED PREFABRICATED BUILDINGS HOUSING THE EQUIPMENT OF A PUBLICALLY REGULATED UTILITY SERVICE, PROVIDED THE FLOOR AREA DOES NOT EXCEED 150 SQUARE FEET (14 M²).
- 4.) TENTS OR AIR-SUPPORTED STRUCTURES, OR BOTH, THAT COVER AN AREA OF 900 SQUARE FEET (84m²) OR LESS, INCLUDING WITHIN THAT AREA ALL CONNECTING AREAS OR SPACES WITH A COMMON MEANS OF EGRESS OR ENTRANCE, PROVIDED SUCH TENTS OR STRUCTURES HAVE AN OCCUPANT LOAD OF 50 OR LESS PERSONS.
- 5.) FENCES AND PRIVACY WALLS NOT PART OF A BUILDING STRUCTURE OR OF THE BARRIER FOR A SWIMMING POOL, PROVIDED SUCH FENCES AND PRIVACY WALLS DO NOT EXCEED 6 FEET IN HEIGHT ABOVE THE FINISHED GRADE. ORNAMENTAL POST CAPS SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE HEIGHT OF THE FENCE OR PRIVACY WALL AND SHALL BE PERMITTED TO EXTEND ABOVE THE 6 FEET HEIGHT MEASUREMENT.
- 6.) RETAINING WALLS SUPPORTING LESS THAN 2 FEET OF UNBALANCED BACKFILL. THIS EXEMPTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY WALL IMPOUNDING CLASS I, II, OR III-A LIQUIDS OR SUPPORTING A SURCHARGE OTHER THAN ORDINARY UNBALANCED BACKFILL.
- 7.) SWIMMING POOLS THAT HAVE A SURFACE AREA NOT GREATER THAN 150 SQUARE FEET (13.95m²) , DO NOT EXCEED 5,000 GALLONS (19 000 L) AND ARE LESS THAN 24 INCHES (610mm) DEEP.
- 8.) ORDINARY REPAIRS, NOT INCLUDING (i) THE CUTTING AWAY OF ANY WALL, PARTITION OR PORTION THEREOF; (ii) THE REMOVAL OR CUTTING OF ANY STRUCTURAL BEAM OR LOAD BEARING SUPPORT; (iii) THE REMOVAL OF OR CHANGE OF ANY REQUIRED MEANS OF EGRESS; (iv) THE REARRANGEMENT OF PARTS OF A STRUCTURE EFFECTING THE EGRESS REQUIREMENTS; (v) THE ADDITION TO, ALTERATION OF, REPLACEMENT OF, OR RELOCATION OF ANY STANDPIPE, WATER SUPPLY, SEWER, DRAINAGE, DRAIN LEADER, GAS OR OIL, SOIL, WASTE, VENT OR SIMILAR PIPING, ELECTRIC WIRING, OR

MECHANICAL WORK; OR (vi) ANY OTHER WORK AFFECTING PUBLIC HEALTH OR GENERAL SAFETY. HOWEVER, ORDINARY REPAIRS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

8.1 EITHER WITHIN THE DWELLING UNIT IN GROUP R-2 OCCUPANCIES THAT ARE FOUR STORIES OR LESS IN HEIGHT OR IN GROUP R-3, R-4, AND R-5 OCCUPANCIES, OR BOTH, REPLACEMENT OF (i) EITHER MECHANICAL OR PLUMBING EQUIPMENT OR APPLIANCES OR BOTH, PROVIDED SUCH EQUIPMENT OR APPLIANCES ARE NOT FUELED BY GAS OR OIL; (ii) FLOOR COVERINGS OR PORCH FLOORING, OR BOTH, AND; (iii) WINDOWS, DOORS, ELECTRICAL SWITCHES, ELECTRICAL OUTLETS, LIGHT FIXTURES OR CEILING FANS.

8.2 IN GROUP R-3, R-4, OR R-5 OCCUPANCIES, REPLACEMENT OF EITHER ROOF COVERINGS OR SIDING OR THE INSTALLATION OF SIDING OR BOTH, PROVIDED THE BUILDING OR STRUCTURES ARE NOT SUBJECT TO WIND SPEEDS GREATER THAN 100 MILES PER HOUR (160 km/hr), DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CODE.

8.3 INSTALLATION OF CABINETS, PAINTING, REPLACEMENT OF INTERIOR FLOOR FINISH, OR INTERIOR COVERING MATERIALS, OR BOTH, AND REPAIR OF (i) PLASTER, (ii) INTERIOR TILE, AND (iii) ANY OTHER INTERIOR WALL COVERING.

- 9.) SIGNS UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF SECTION H101.2 OF APPENDIX H.
- 10.) REPLACEMENT OF ABOVE GROUND, EXISTING LP-GAS CONTAINERS OF THE SAME CAPACITY IN THE SAME LOCATION AND ASSOCIATED REGULATORS WHEN INSTALLED BY THE SERVICING GAS SUPPLIER.